# VISITORS' HAND BOOK

# Old Point [illegible]

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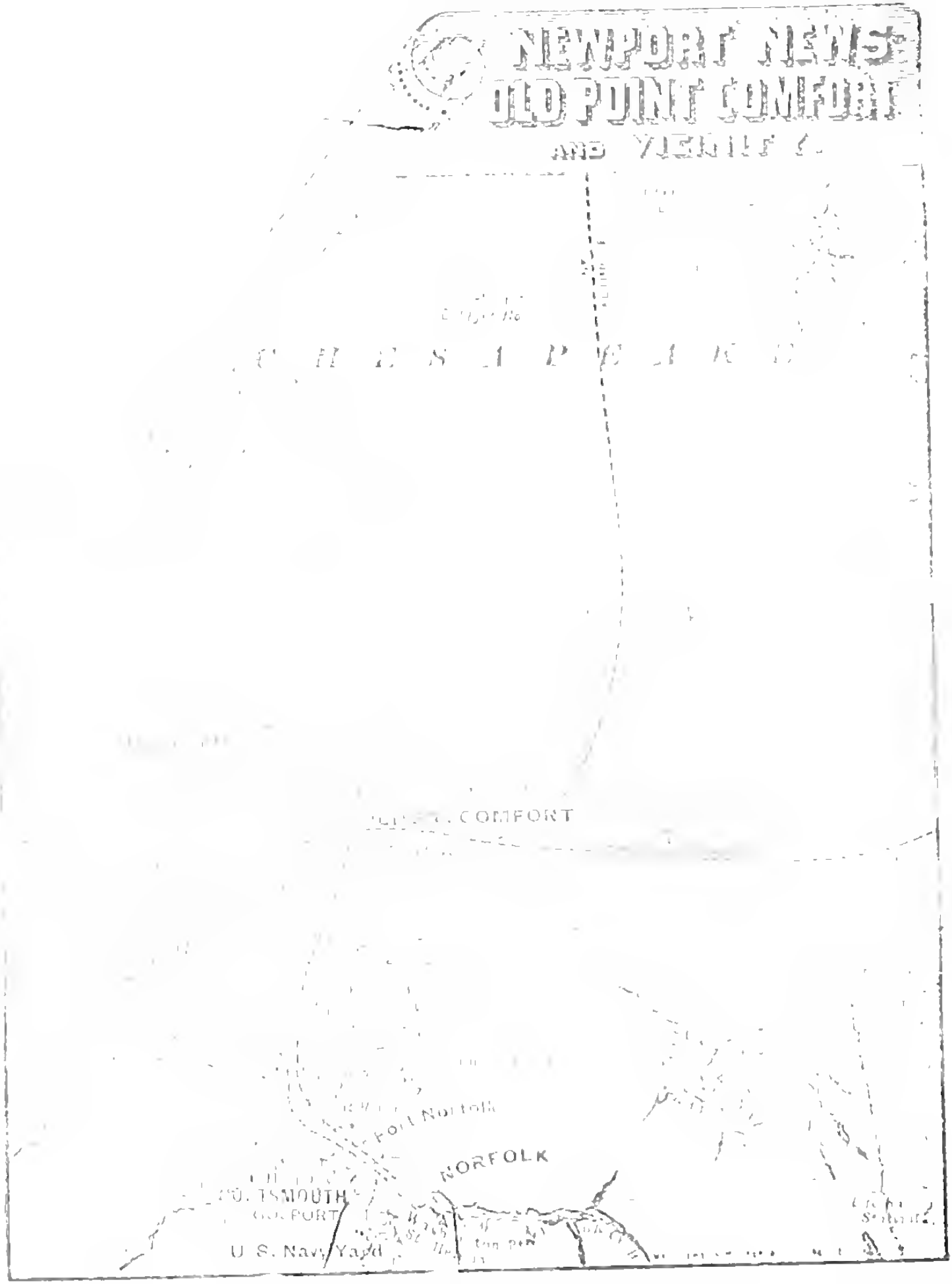
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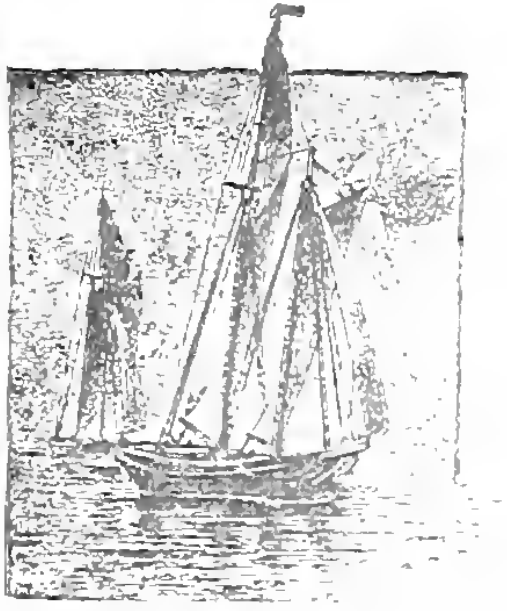
# Old Point Comfort.



BY reference to the map on opposite page, a narrow strip of land, almost surrounded by water, extending out from the eastern shore of Virginia into the broad expanse of water [illegible] by the confluence of the Chesapeake Bay and [illegible] will be noticed. This is "Old Point Comfort."

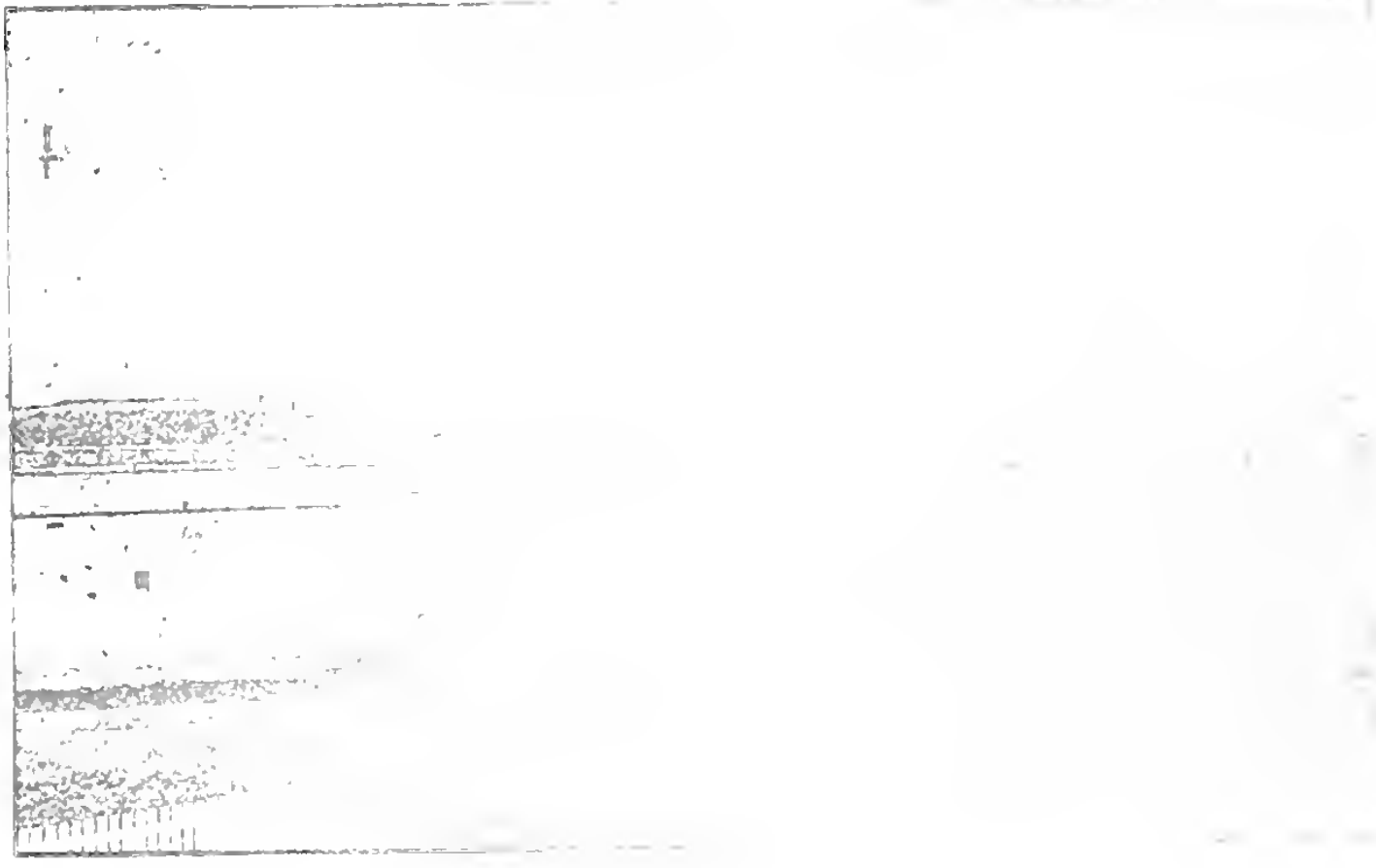
[illegible] expedition [illegible] London, for the purpose [illegible]. The persons named in the charter [illegible] 1606, as founders of the London Company [illegible] Sir Thomas Gates, Sir George Somers, Richard Hakluyt, and [illegible].

The Company guaranteed, for every [illegible] about $60.) paid into the treasury, to give the contributor one hundred [illegible] in the new colony, with the promise of one hundred acres more [illegible] had been cultivated.

The Company organized, [illegible] under the command of Captain Christopher Newport, who [illegible] by former expeditions against the Spaniards. [illegible] and five men embarked in these vessels, destined [illegible] Virginia, but not very well selected for such a purpose. [illegible] "gentlemen," persons brought up to esteem labor degrading. [illegible] laborers, four carpen-

[illegible] Germany [illegible] and last but not least, [illegible] discoverer, diplo-[illegible]

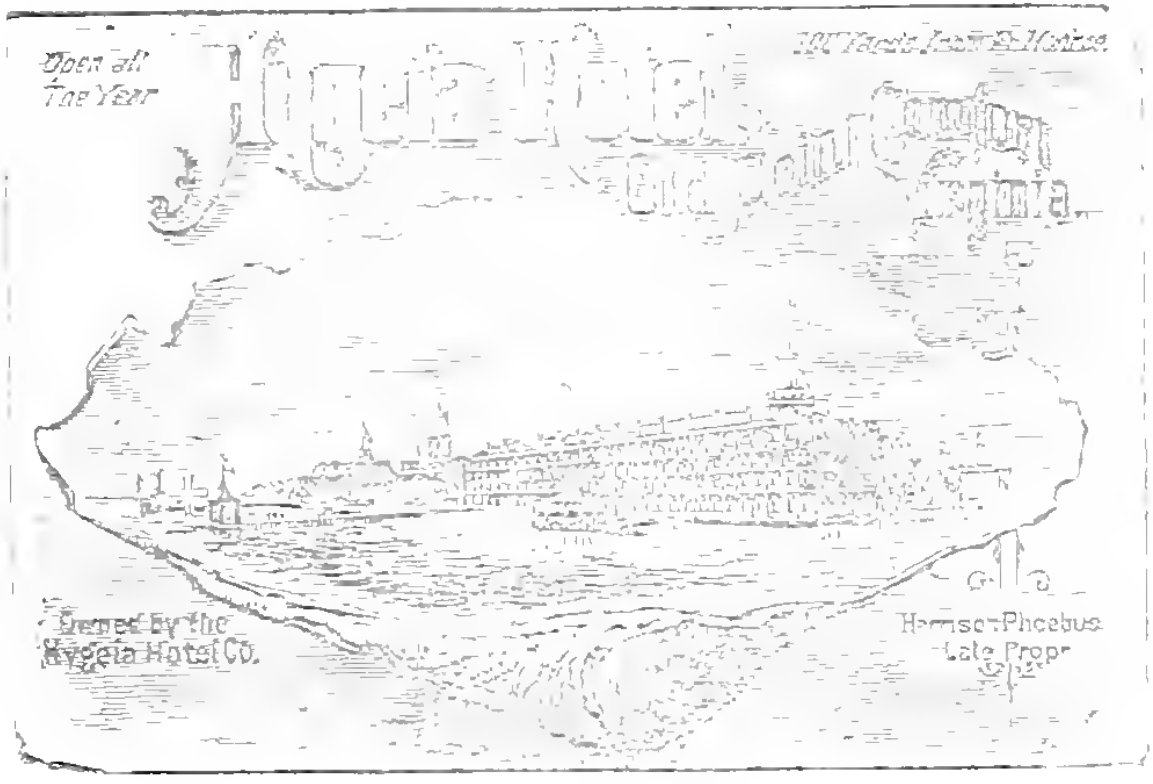
[illegible] The colony was [illegible] set up in a [illegible] the Can- [illegible] of Cook [illegible] stop the [illegible] ge [illegible] sage, [illegible] search [illegible] were [illegible] by the [illegible] estuary, [illegible] known. [illegible] most tral- [illegible] eyes, as [illegible] man. A spot was finally chosen



[illegible] settlement [illegible] The [illegible] called [illegible] Rivers.

In July, 1608, Captain Smith [illegible] to explore the shores of the Chesapeake [illegible] as the entrance of the Piankatank [illegible] thunder, [illegible]

[illegible] sought [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] Rivers [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] day. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]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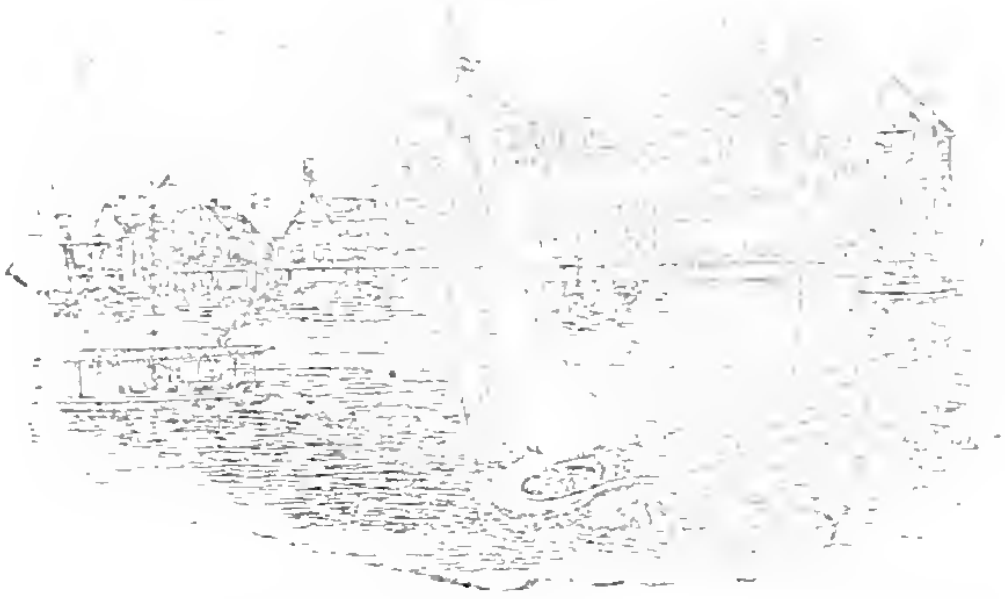

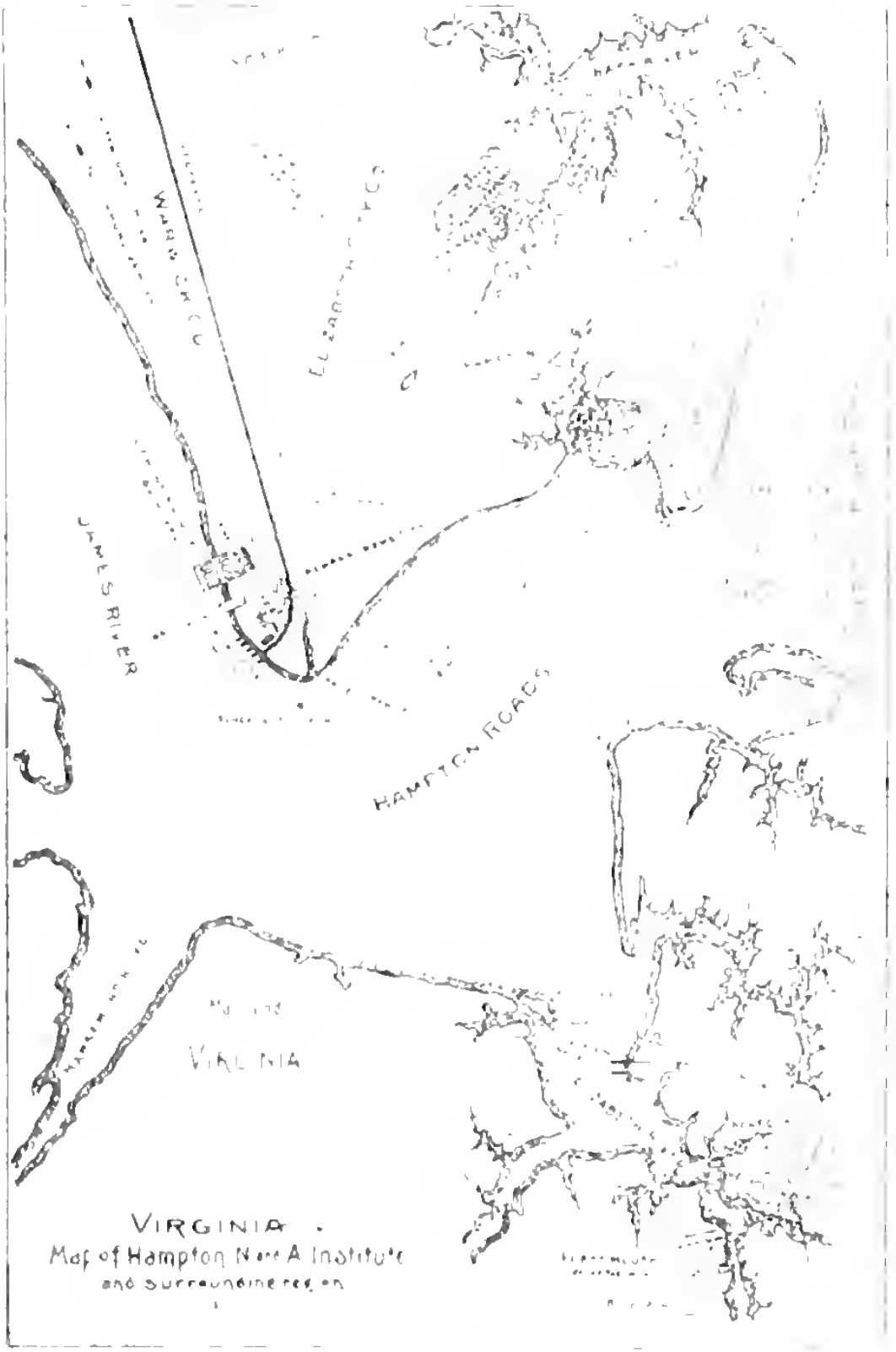


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Map of Hampton Normal Institute
and surrounding region

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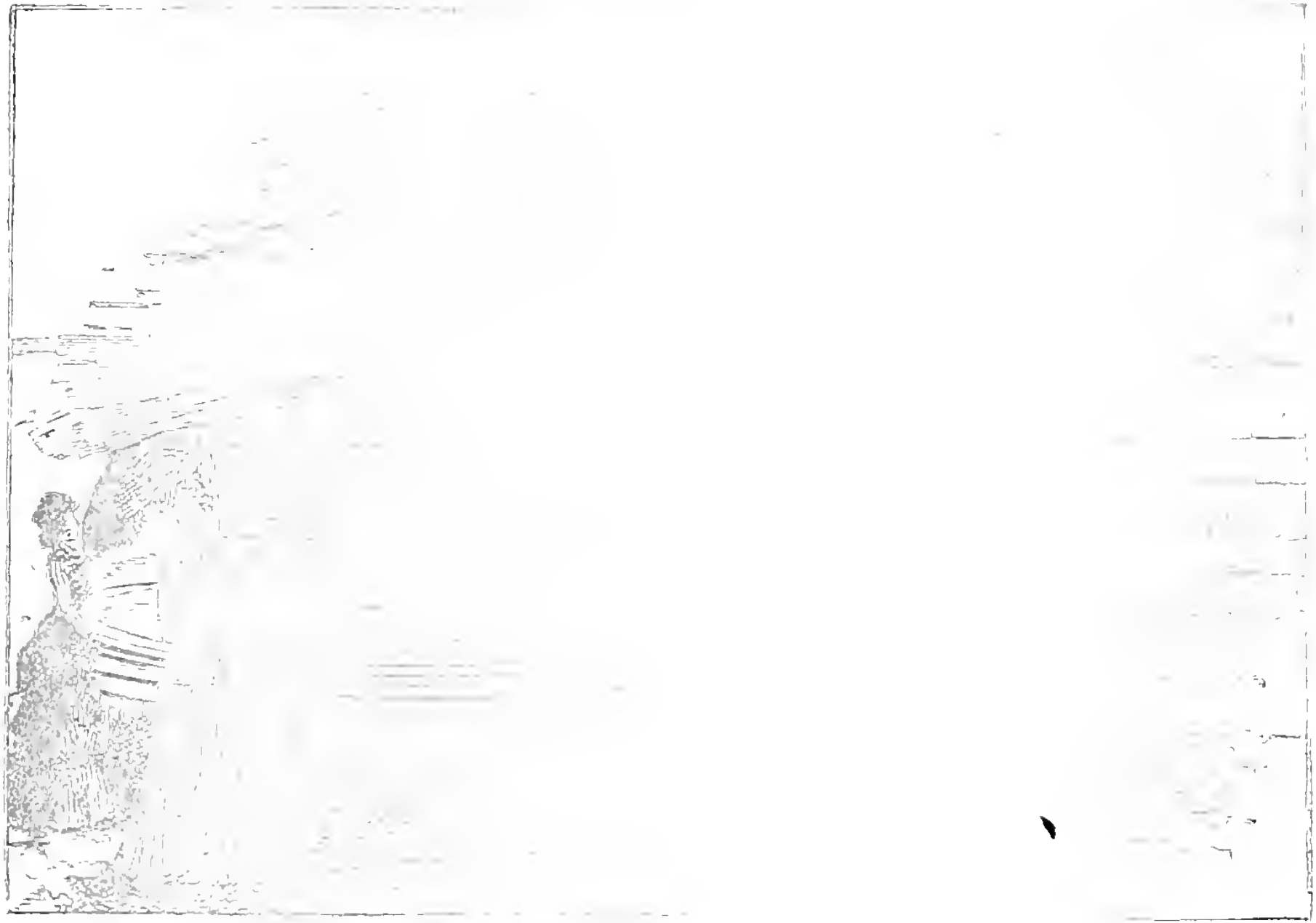

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In [illegible]

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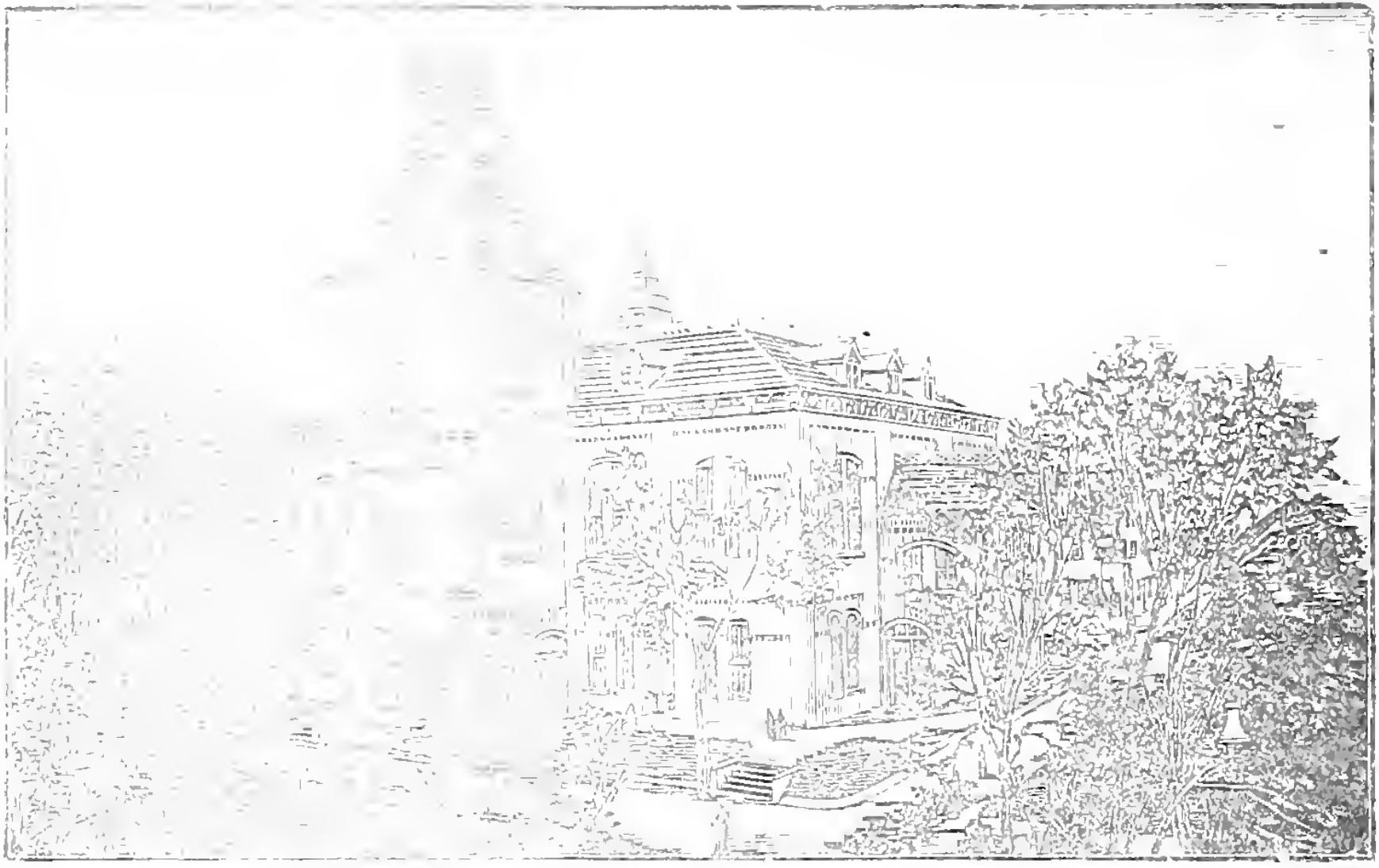

WAFL MEMORIAL HALL HOME.

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Price, Chap[illegible]

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WARD [illegible] HALL

This is a [illegible] the architect and builder [illegible] Mr. Horatio Ward of Lon[illegible] with interest, &c. up to the time [illegible] This amount was divided [illegible]

This [illegible] some finest [illegible] are given here [illegible]

Adjoining the theatre [illegible] light in that [illegible] is a large assembly [illegible] play checkers, [illegible]

A short distance [illegible]

H [illegible]

handsome [illegible] building, [illegible] accommodations [illegible] as a good square [illegible] from the Restaurant [illegible]

QUARTERMASTER [illegible]

Here is kept [illegible] articles, etc.

The office of the Gov[illegible] tance from his residence [illegible] ence are in a two-story [illegible]

In the rear [illegible] the Gov[illegible]

CONSTITUTION [illegible]

If we are [illegible] grounds of the [illegible]

COL. P. T. [illegible]

[illegible] management of Mr. E. J. Dexter, whose skill and taste in floriculture are [illegible] on every hand. Leaving the Conservatory, we wend our way to

THE HOSPITAL,

[illegible] the largest and most imposing [illegible] the grounds. The patients [illegible] average about four hundred [illegible] the best care and the [illegible] attention.

THE LIBRARY

[illegible] is on the second floor [illegible] in the rear of the [illegible] building. The first contribution to [illegible] was made by the Ladies' Un[illegible] in 1871. Many [illegible] have contributed [illegible] many valuable and in[illegible] donors. Among the donors [illegible] mentioned Mrs. General McClel[illegible] Mr. Albert Crane

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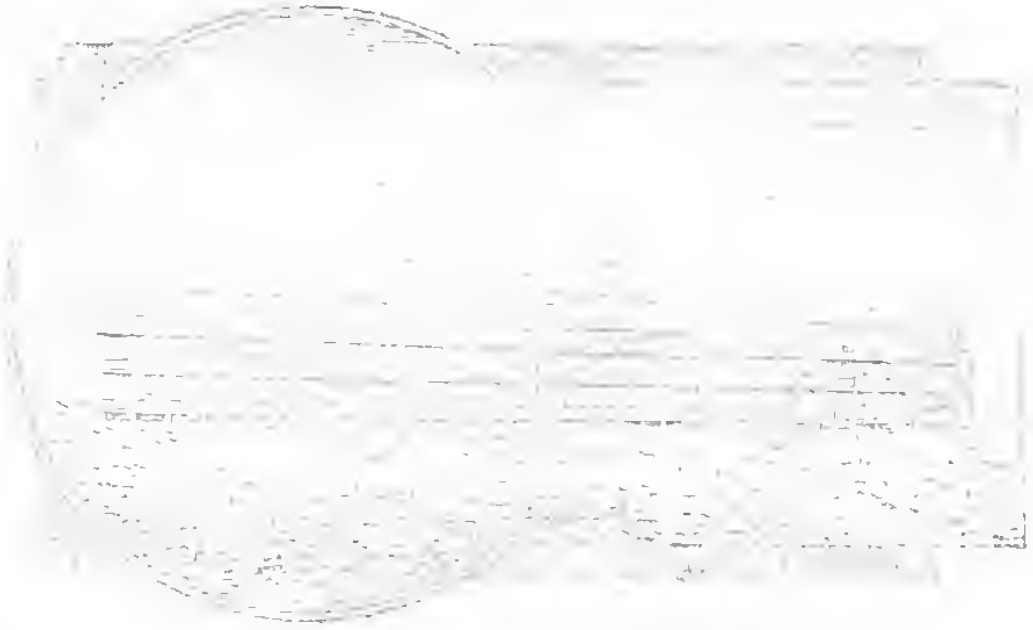

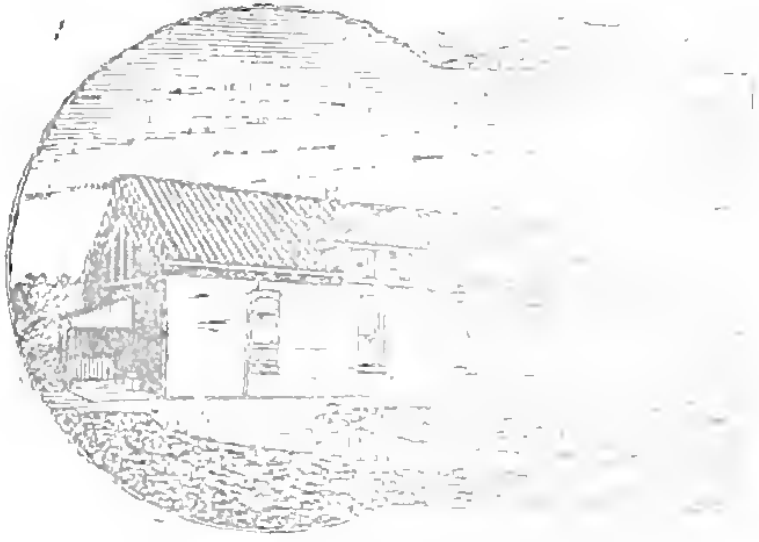

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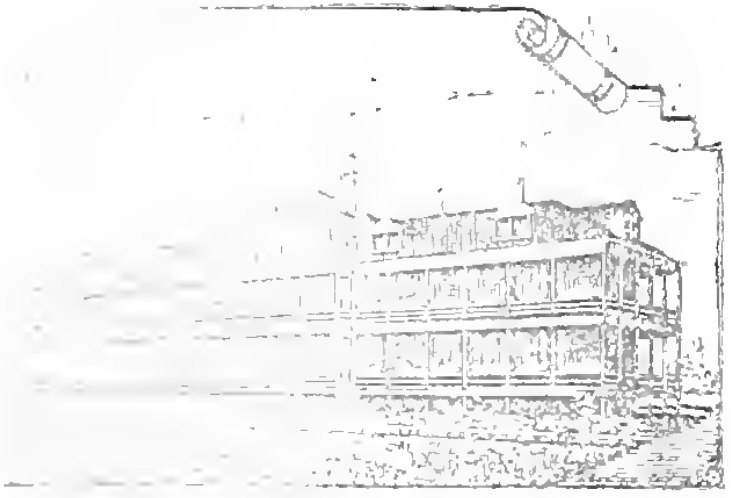

[illegible] BARRACKS, [illegible].

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The buildings are [illegible]
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runs the entire leng h [illegible]
ders as a promenade.

The grounds are [illegible]
find a place more su'te [illegible]
various points, give the Home [illegible]

There is a well organized [illegible]

Besides the entertainments [illegible]
other amusements, such as bo [illegible]

The fine military band com[illegible]
Prof. Leary, gives *Open* [illegible]
o'clock.

On Sunday morning, the [illegible]
piazza, the sig[illegible]
walks of the grou[illegible]
yearly.

Many of the [illegible]
sed to visitors as se[illegible]

Leaving the Home grounds [illegible]
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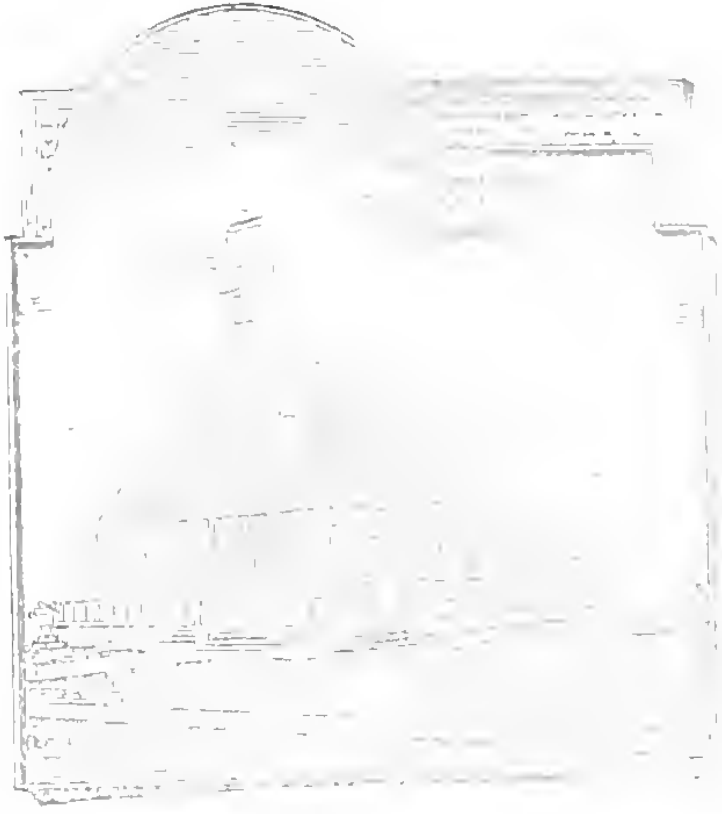

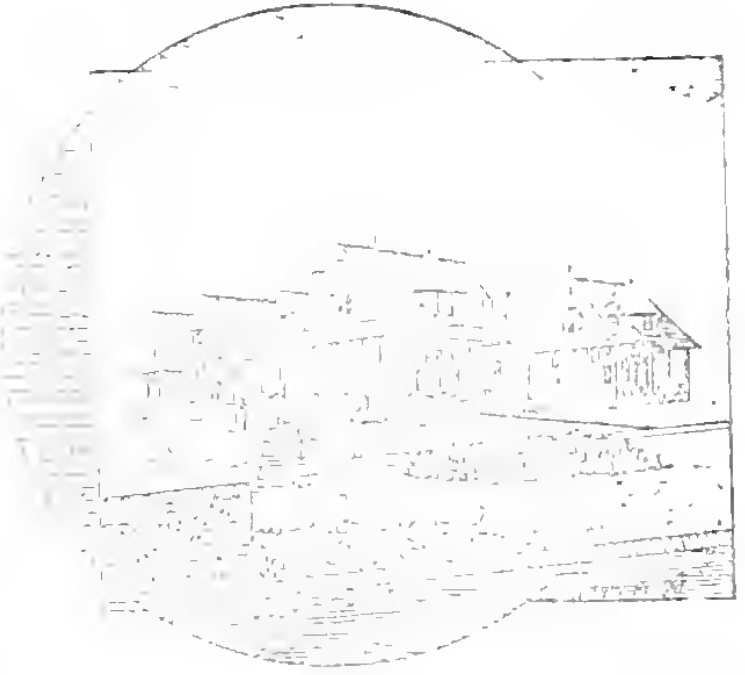

# The National Cemetery

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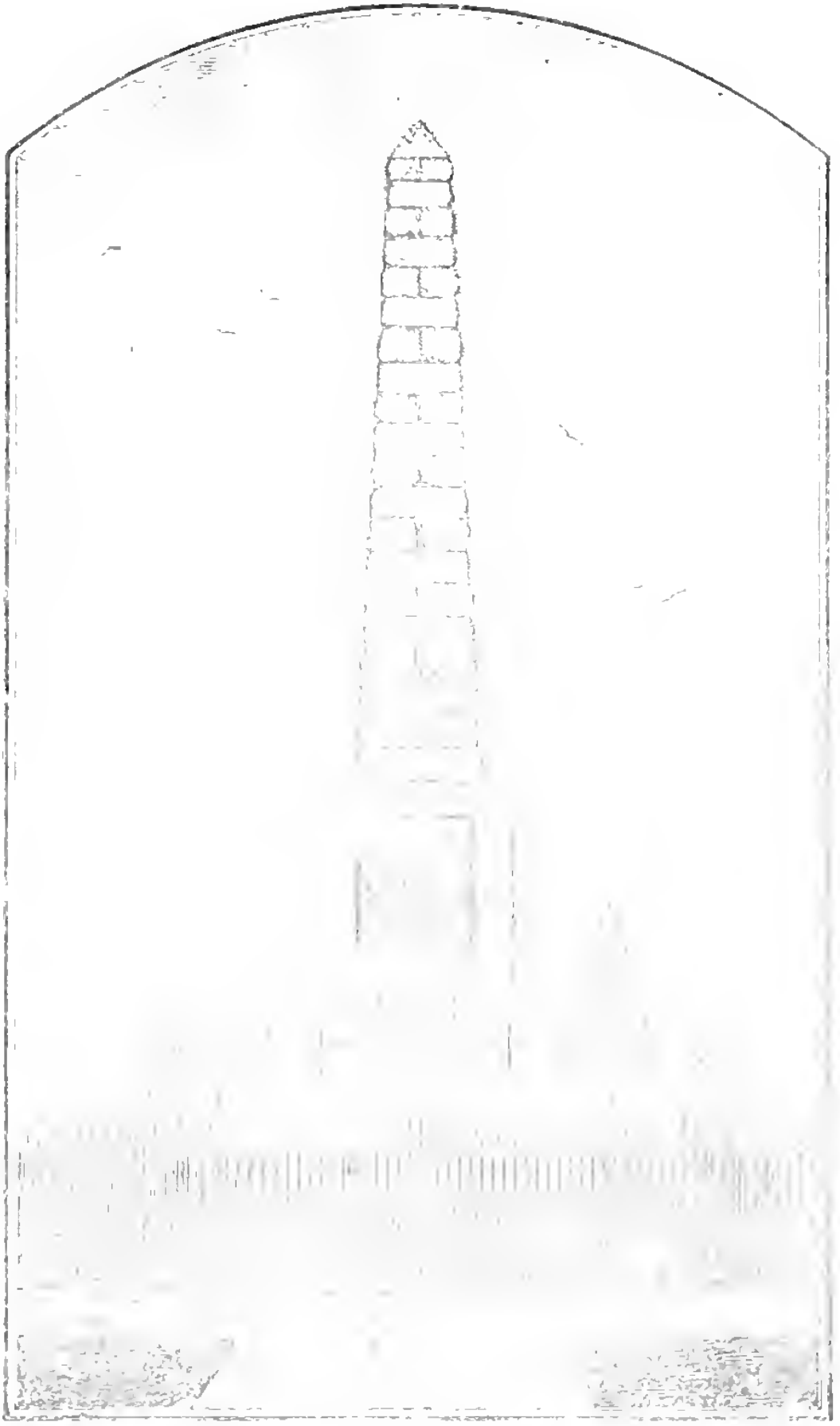
# The Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute.



MONUMENT NATIONAL CEMETERY.

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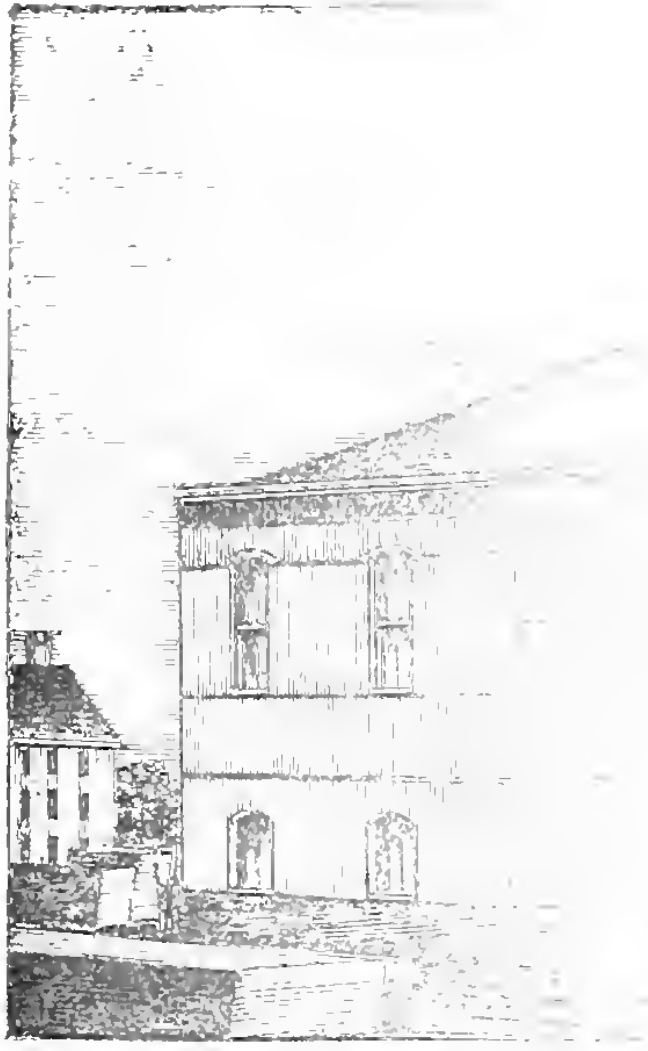

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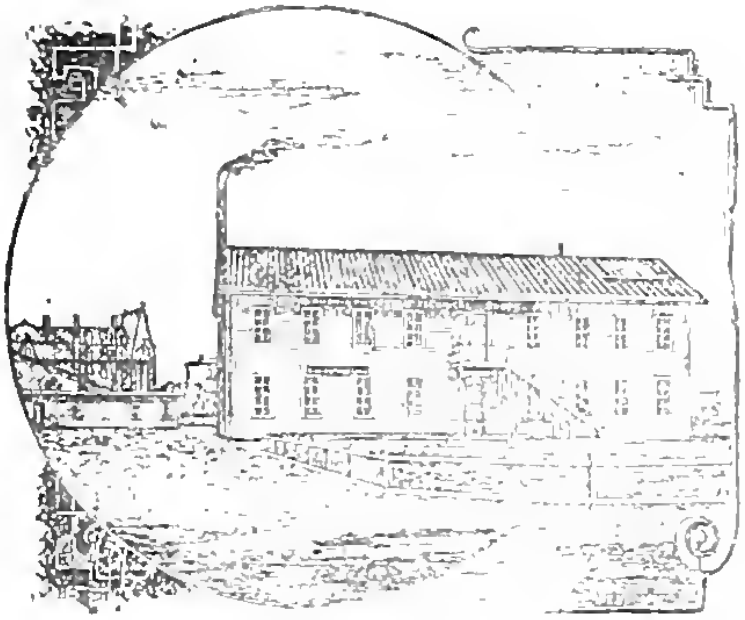
We [illegible] the same [illegible] so many [illegible] Hampton. [illegible] engagement [illegible] essful defense [illegible] by the inhabitants. [illegible] the beats of a British fleet in October, 1775.

On Sunday, [illegible] 31, General Washington visited Hampton, and with the Count DeGrass, [illegible] the point [illegible] by which the British forces surrendered at Yorktown on the 19th of October following. In 1812, the town was less fortunate than in 1775, being attacked by Admiral Cockburn and Sir Sidney Beckwith, with a flotilla of boats, [illegible] captured after a short but decisive action. On this occasion the place was given up to pillage, and the inhabitants who had been unable to flee were subjected to the most shameful indignities and barbarities. Even the British commander was moved to indignation at the excesses he was unable to prevent; and answering a congratulatory letter from his commanding general at Norfolk, deprecated all praises of his achievement, with the forcible and striking remark, "Worthless is the laurel that is steeped in woman's tears."

In an account of the war of 1812, written in "the ancient historical style," in 1816, the author thus graphically describes the desolation caused by Cockburn's visit to the little town:

"31. Now on the twenty-fifth day of the same month the army of Britain went against a village called *Hampton*, which hath in the state of *Virginia*, and took it.

32. Howbeit, the little band of Columbia, commanded by *Cratchfield*, fought hard against them



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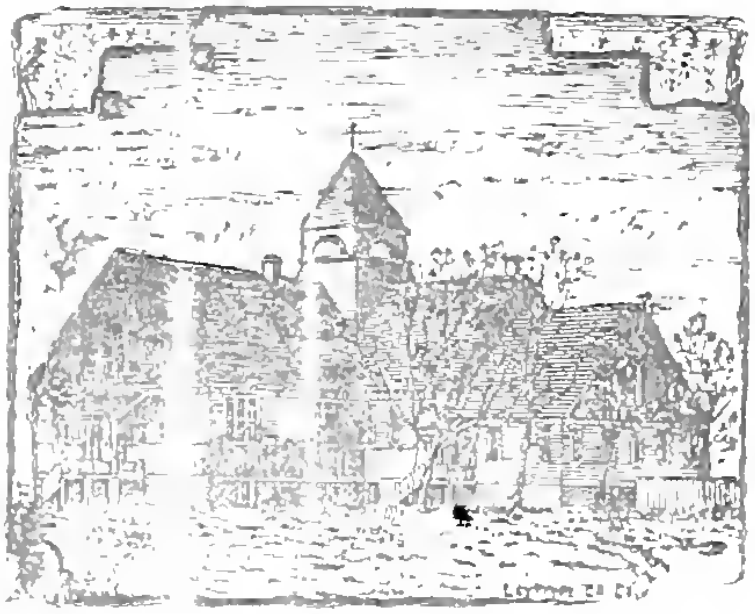


"WHITTIER" SCHOOL HOUSE.

33 Nevertheless, they prevailed over him, and slew seven of his men, and wounded others, upon which he fled; for the men of Britain were like unto a swarm of locusts.

34 But the blood of two hundred royal slaves became a sacrifice to the wickedness of their leaders.

35 There is a time when truth may be uttered with pleasure; and the droppings thereof are like unto frankincense and myrrh.

36 But, alas! the hour hath passed away or it hath not yet come, she hath gone down into the vale of tears; yea, deep sorrow treadeth upon her heels.

[illegible] wrought [illegible] great Sanhedrim.

[illegible] precincts of Ha[illegible] Columbia shall not be [illegible]

[illegible] and weep; neith[illegible]

[illegible] shall presume to break [illegible]

[illegible] cometh up to [illegible] shall tremble."

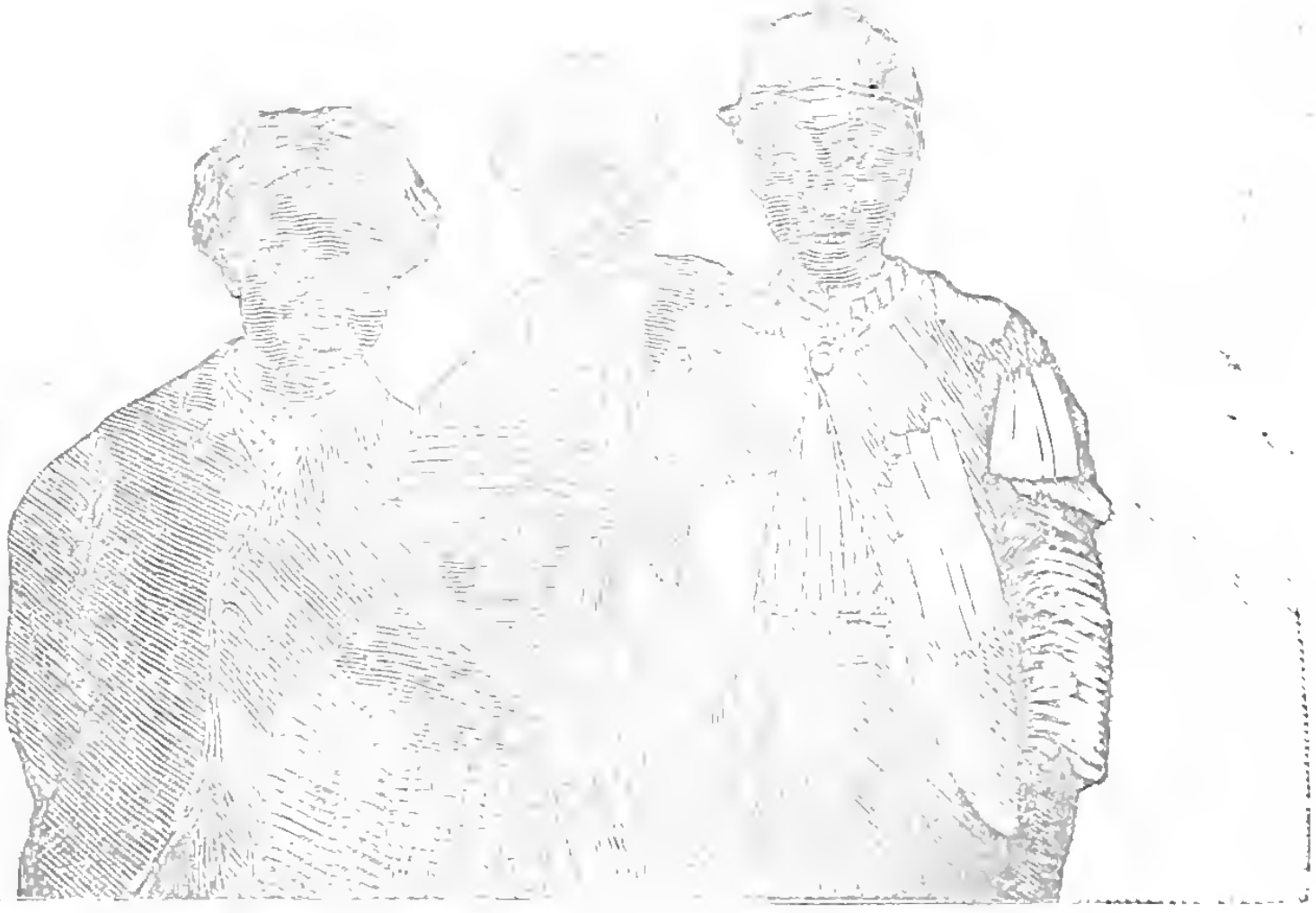
Again, which [illegible] destined to still further [illegible] line between the [illegible] the latter occupying the western, the former the [illegible] under General Magruder [illegible] artillery, were stationed on [illegible] from Hampton. His intention was to force an engagement [illegible] stationed here or at Newport News; or at least to [illegible] being used by General Butler's men or by the contrabands [illegible] quarters. The latter he was successful in doing, as every [illegible] destroyed.

"HELLBANKS" INDUSTRIAL HOME SCHOOL

Capt. Phillips [illegible] town and county; and Capt. Sin[illegible] York [illegible] county of York, but officered by men from Ha[illegible] portions of Virginia. The whole fo[illegible] Hodges.

"Strong guards were [illegible] Creek roads, to prevent a surprise from the [illegible] which crosses the Back River road had be[illegible] of the Market road, would effectually [illegible] was also sent out to Hope's farm on the [illegible]

"The expedition enter[illegible] August, 1861, and immediately pr[illegible] The town, as it stood at that time, lay almost [illegible] and was divided into four nearly equal part[illegible] streets. The plan of operation was simply [illegible] with instructions to commence [illegible] they retired. Col. Hodges halted his battal[illegible] the enemy just to the westward of the [illegible] command of the remaining troops and pr[illegible] After assigning each detachment its [illegible] to the foot of Hampton bridge to watch any [illegible] of Fort Monroe. After a little [illegible] Confederates were in undisputed po[illegible]

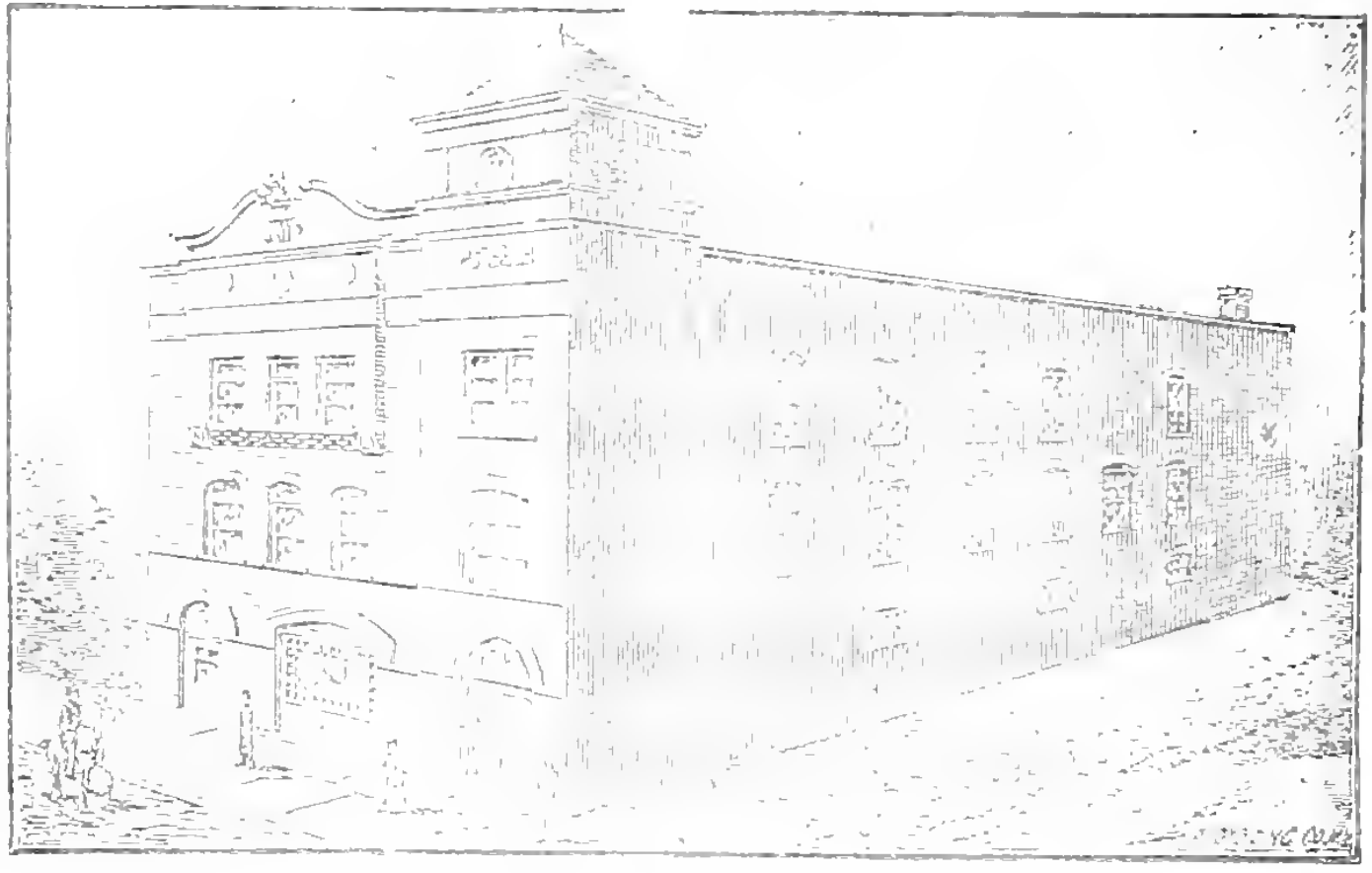


And [illegible] were landed, till, in God's [illegible] was lifted. It seemed fitting [illegible] he should also first taste [illegible] "order" that made him [illegible] was issued by General [illegible]

For some time [illegible] of Hampton. Its popul[illegible] fishing and oystering. But [illegible] where in the once dow[illegible] as their more favored wh[illegible] have been fulfilled; [illegible] nevertheless marke[illegible] looking buildings; trades [illegible] connects it with Old Point and [illegible] with electricity; northern capital [illegible] on the road to a prosperous future [illegible] the town

The town was [illegible] council, and contains abou[illegible] streets; the main one, which [illegible] about the centre of the [illegible] ets, but the principal [illegible]

The chief [illegible]



[illegible] TEMPLE, HAMPTON.

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[illegible] at a [illegible] the [illegible]

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